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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S PGESFECONFERENCE: REMARKS ON FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

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1. DURING FEB 20 PRESS CONFERENCE IMYLUKASA, WHICH DIPLOMATIC
CORPS WAS REQUESTED TO ATTEND, PRESIDENT KAUNDA CHARGED THAT
ZAMBIA HAS BECOME TARGET OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BEING UUGED
BY "VARIOUS MISINFORMATION CENTERS ORGANIZED BY SOME BIG
FOREIGN POWERS IN ZAMBIA". PRESIDENT CHARGED THAT THESE
POWERS HAVE BEEN WORKING AGAINST THE POLICIES OF HIS PARTY
AND GOVERNMENT, RELEASING TO THE FOREIGN PRESS UNTRUTHFUL
ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ZAMBIA'S POLICIES AND RELATIONSHIPS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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2. DURING QUESTION PERIOD, KAUNDA WAS ASKED ABOUT

RECENT PRESS REPORT (REFTEL) THAT CIA HAD ATTEMPTED INFILTRATE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA (UNZA). PRESIDENT REPLIED HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT ANY ALLEGED CIA INFILTRATION AT UNZA; IF THERE WAS ANY IT WOULD PRESUMABLY COME OUT DURING COURSE OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION INTO RECENT STUDENT DISORDERS THAT LED TO UNZA CLOSURE FEB 9. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT MAN WHO HAS ALLEGED CIA INFILTRATION OF UNZA IS HIMSELF INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION INTO STUDENT SUBVERSION THERE. (PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE IS TO LEFTIST SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL SCIENTIST ROBERT MOLTEÑO, NOW UNDER DETENTION AT KABWE PRISON PENDING COMPLETION OF GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION.)

3. PRESIDENT SAID HE DID KNOW THAT STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED AND STRUCK AT UNZA HAD RUSSIAN SUPPORT. LATER ON, ASKED WHAT ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN AGAINST SOVIET EMBASSY IN CONSEQUENCE OF THIS INVOLVEMENT INKAUNDA REITERATED THAT "WE HAVE AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THEIR INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY WITH STUDENTS". HE SAID ZAMBIA PLANNED TO DISCUSS MATTER FRANKLY WITH SOVIETS "AS AMONG FRIENDS". IF SOVIETS WERE TO ADMIT THEY HAD MADE A MISTAKE ALL COULD BE WELL. OTHERWISE, IF NO UNDERSTANDING REACHED, ZAMBIA WOQGD HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT XVVPCT EMBESSY.

4. KAUNDA SAID ZAMBIA WANTS FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL FOREIGN POWERS, INCLUDING US, USSR, CHINA, ETC. ZAMBI HATES NO ONE BUT WILL ALSO NOT FOREGO ITS "MORAL DUTY" TO SEAK OUT WHEN "BIG POWER GOES BLUNDERING". CITED ZAMBIA'S CRITICISM OF US POLICY IN VIETNAM AND SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS EXAMPLES OF SUCH ZAMBIAN FRANKNESS. ADDED WRYLY THAT THIS PROBABLY EXPLAINS WHY ZAMBIA HAS RECEIVED LITTLE IN WAY OF ECONOMIC ASSCITANCE FROM BIG POWERS.

5. COMMENT: PRESIDENT STOPPED SHORT OF COMPLETE EXONERATION OF US FROM MOLTEÑO CHARGES OF ATTEMPTING INFILTRATE UNZA BUT LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE DID NOT

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TAKE CHARGES SERIOUSLY. ON OTHER HAND, HE WAS FORTHRIGHT IN ACCUSING SOVIETS BY NAME OF ATTEMPTING TO SUBOIN ZAMBIA STUDENTS. KAUNDA OBVIOUSLY CONVINCED THAT ZAMBIAN EVIDENCE AGAINST SOVIETS IS STRONG AND IS PREPARED MAKE ISSUE OF THIS IN ZAMBIA'S RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW. FROM TENOR OF PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS

WE BELIEVE ZAMBIANS WOULD LIKE TO AVOID DIPLOMATIC BREAK
OR EVEN FORMALLY P-NGING SOME SOVIET PERSONNEL BUT WILL
NOT HESITATE TO CONFRONT SOVIETS WITH DEMAND FOR BETTER
BEHAVIOR BY AND PERHAPS QUIET "VOLUNTARY" DEPARTURE OF

OFFENDING PERSONNEL.
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